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J. Reports to USIB by the Critical Collection Problems Committee

96. The charter of the Critical Collection Problems Committee (CCPC) as originally issued by the IAC in February 1958 and reaffirmed by USIB in June 1959 required that the committee concern itself with the collection of certain critical problems "specifically referred to it" by the Board. 170/ Hence the CCPC, contrary to the normal practice of other USIB committees, could not initiate any studies or reports without prior Board consideration. This requirement was obviously designed to preclude the CCPC from intervening in collection programs or problems of special interest or concern to one or more agencies or other committees without an opportunity for their views to be considered by USIB. On the other hand, USIB endorsement meant that the collection problem was deemed to be of a critical nature and that all Board members supported the need for the particular study and report. CCPC has therefore performed significant service to the USIB in dealing with some of the most important and highest priority collection/requiring consideration of all feasible collection assets and systems. CCPC has in fact coordinated or collaborated with other USIB committees as evidenced by some examples involving the COMINT Committee and GMAIC referred

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97. One of these examples was the CCPC response to the Board's actions in November 1958 regarding the DCI Ad Hoc Panel Report on the status of the Soviet ICBM Program. 171/ These actions included a directive to CCPC to present by 31 December 1958 integrated recommendations to improve collection of data related to the Soviet ICBM and IRBM programs. On 30 December 1958, CCPC submitted its report which concluded that USIB should secure decision at the national level for an aggressive collection program assuming additional risks. It emphasized the importance of the next 18 months when the Soviet ICBM program might enter the operational phase, particularly since the greatest opportunity to acquire information on deployment would be while sites were under construction. CCPC therefore recommended and USIB

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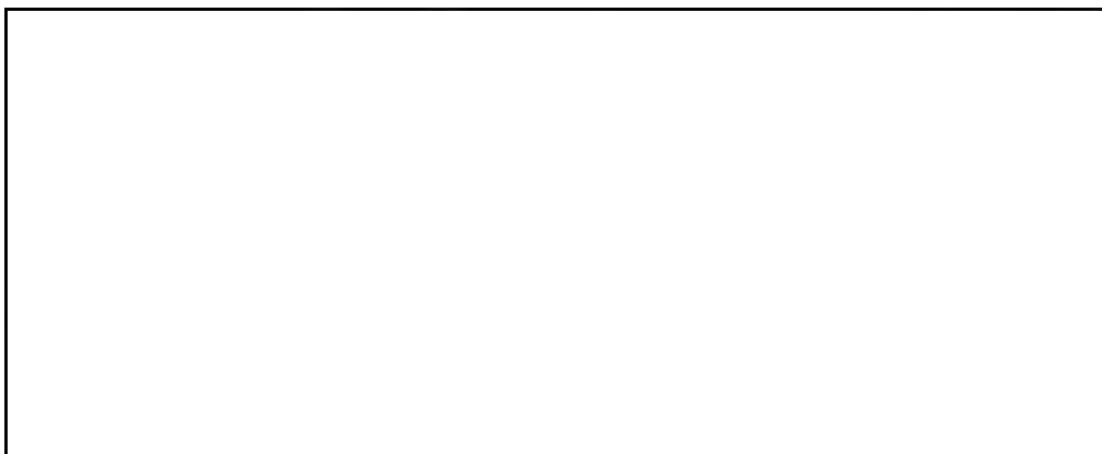
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98. A subsequent CCPC study for improvement of collection on Soviet ICBMs reported to USIB in April 1960 the results of its review of the operational aspects of the collection program carried out during the preceding January Soviet Pacific rocket tests. This review had been requested by USIB in connection with the Board's consideration of a GMAIC analysis of the data collected during those tests. The CCPC report listed eight areas for improvements in light of collection deficiencies in the January operations. CCPC also indicated that it had submitted to GMAIC consolidated requirements for data on future Soviet Pacific tests. The USIB in May 1960 discussed the report and agreed upon the agencies which would assume general action responsibility for the areas requiring improvements as indicated by CCPC. 173/

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